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groups to do these kinds of economic...to develop these kinds of economic development ideas and activities. And the thing that I would caution us about is where we're adding. Already we have probably about at least 2.5 million, and maybe \$3 million in new A bills that we've advanced so far. There...there's going to be very little money in the budget for A bills. I can promise you that the Appropriations Committee is being very careful. There are a lot of things that we absolutely have to fund that we have no choice about, and so new programs are the things that we have a choice about. And so I would ask everyone to be...to really take very seriously the votes that they are making on spending matters, and to realize that each thing that we advance is going to compete at the end, and it's going to make the end very difficult for us to manage. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again, I want to remind you that I do not disagree with Senator Wehrbein, Senator Brown and those who think that we should not start a new program. First of all, it's not necessarily a new program. But on the other hand, I guess it's a case of prioritization, and we all understand that. And I thought about, as I was standing here, about how we can neglect things, we can neglect the future of the state. We can just let things go by and forget to develop these kind of programs and help these kind of things move along, somewhat like we let many of our state buildings go. We didn't do anything with them until we got to the point where the cost was so tremendous. Here again, this is a case of trying to instill in the people, in a collective manner, a cooperative spirit of doing things for themselves with just a little boost from the...from the state coffers. And so I would again urge that you take a careful look at the prioritization, how important you think this might be, how important you think it might be to your district, the people you represent, and what gains and what rewards they might gather from this kind of investment. And it is an investment in the future of the state of Nebraska. I think you have to understand that, as I indicated, we have let things slip by and we ended up paying. The old adage of penny wise and pound foolish comes into play, because eventually as things deteriorate and we don't